



State Committee of Dietitians

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Missouri State Committee of Dietitians Established

The State Committee of Dietitians held its first meeting on September 10, 1999. The Committee was established by the 89th General Assembly with the passage of House Bill 1601. The six-member committee is comprised of five dietitians: Marie Carter of

St. Louis, Donna Medlin of Springfield, Terri Powell of Poplar Bluff, Joan Shores of Harrisonville, and Mary McDonald of Columbia. Nolan McNeill of Cassville is the committee's public member.



The State Committee of Dietitians is part of the Division of Professional Registration, a division of the Missouri Department of Economic Development. The Division provides staff and administrative support for the Committee. The Division is responsible for the regulation of over thirty professional boards and commissions. These regulatory agencies are responsible for protecting the public interest with regard to services offered by licensed professionals in the state.

The Committee is responsible for promulgating rules, implementing and administering the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the Dietitian Practice Act which regulates the usage of the title "licensed dietitian" or "L.D." Currently the committee is meeting to promulgate such rules.

A newsletter will be published annually by the committee informing licensees and interested individuals of the committee's activities and other information.

Important News!!!!

At this time the committee is working on drafting rules and regulations to detail the statute. Pursuant to Section 324.210.4, "Prior to July 1, 2000 a person may apply for licensure without examination and shall be exempt from the academic requirements of this section if the committee is satisfied that the applicant has a bachelor's degree in a program approved by the committee and has work experience approved by the committee."

In order to ensure compliance with the grandfather clause, if it is your intent to apply for licensure under this provision, you should forward the enclosed letter (completed with your information) which states your intention to become licensed. The committee is currently working on establishing rules and regulations and setting fees. Submission of this intent does not guarantee licensure under this provision. Final review of your eligibility for licensure will be based on submitting the formal application and any applicable documentation as required by the committee and the appropriate fee (at this time fees have not been established). Mail the completed form to the State Committee of Dietitians, P.O. Box 1335, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Form must be postmarked by July 1, 2000.

Copies of the statute are available by calling the office at 573-522-3438.

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Meet the Committee



Mary McDonald, Columbia
Member

Mary McDonald graduated from Southern University. Mary is retired from the University of Missouri-Columbia where she was the director of the Coordinated Program in Dietetics and assistant professor. She is a member of the American Dietetic Association, Missouri Dietetic Association and the Central Missouri Dietetic Association.



Terri Powell, Poplar Bluff
Member

Terri Powell graduated from Southwest Missouri State University with a major in dietetics. She is the Director of Danny Bell Cancer Treatment Center at Lucy Lee Healthcare System. Terri is a member of the American Dietetic Association, Southeast Missouri Dietetic Association and the Missouri Dietetic Association.



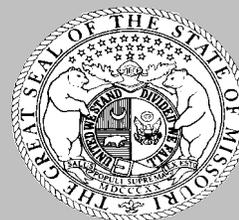
Marie Carter, St. Louis
Member

Marie Carter graduated from the University of Tennessee. She is the founder and co-owner of Nutri-Fit Consultants, Inc., a company offering individual and group nutritional counseling. Marie is also a nutrition consultant to a multi-specialty group of 30 doctors for the Grandel Medical Group and serves as an adjunct faculty for the University of Missouri Dietetic interns in their field experience. She is a member of the American Dietetic Association, Missouri Dietetic Association and St. Louis Dietetic Association.



Nolan McNeill, Cassville
Public Member

Nolan McNeill retired from the Missouri General Assembly, where he held office as a representative from 1982, 1986-1994 and was the presiding judge of Barry County for four years. He is a grain farmer and cow, calf producer. Following his service as a representative, he worked for the State of Missouri for two years.



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The office of the Missouri State Committee of Dietitians is open Monday through Friday except on state holidays, with staff available to assist you between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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Donna Medlin, Springfield
Member

Donna Medlin graduated from University of Missouri, College of Home Economics. She is the Director of Food and Nutrition Services at St. John's Regional Health Center.

Donna is the past president of the Missouri Dietetic Association, member of the American Dietetic Association, the Southwest Missouri Dietetic Association and the Missouri Dietetic Association.



Joan Shores, Harrisonville
Member

Joan Shores graduated from the University of Kansas with a major in foods and nutrition. She is currently the Director of Dietary Service at Foxwood Springs Living Center where she is responsible for directing and overseeing all departmental activities necessary for provision of well-balanced and appetizing meals and other nutritional care, within budgetary restraints.

Joan is a member of the American Dietetic Association, Kansas City Dietetic Association and the Missouri Dietetic Association.

Meet the Staff

Vanessa Beauchamp,
Executive Director



Vanessa has worked for the Division of Professional Registration for 2 years. She previously worked for the Missouri Real Estate Appraisers Commission; as the Administrative Assistant to the Division Director; and as the Division's Strategic Planning Coordinator. She is currently the Committee's Executive Director.

Betty Jo Massengale,
Licensing Technician



Betty Jo has worked for the Division of Professional Registration for 2 years. She previously worked for the Missouri Real Estate Commission and as the Administrative Assistant to the Division Director. She is currently the Committee's Licensing Technician.

A Letter From The Division Director



The Division of Professional Registration, the licensing and regulatory arm of Missouri State Government, is an integral part of the Department of Economic Development. Created by the Omnibus Reorganization Act of 1974, the Division is charged with protecting the public by licensing qualified professionals, enforcing professional standards and maintaining an open communication network with over 310,000 licensees. The regulatory agencies of the Division continually strive to assist the Department of Economic

Development in its mission to develop, enhance and support a regulatory environment for professionals and consumers that preserves integrity and promotes ethical standards, while fostering a flexible and progressive approach toward the future.

In our effort to enhance professional services, the Division has embraced the philosophy of quality customer service. It is our goal, as well as our responsibility, to provide consumers with an accessible and accountable regulatory entity. We are committed to improving and maintaining our cooperative spirit.

Sincerely,

Randall J. Singer
Division Director

Calendar

